

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7 as follows:

Fig. 2 is a flow diagram illustrating a fabrication method in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention; ~~and~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 as follows:

Figs. 3a through 3f are cross-sectional side views of a FinFET during a fabrication method in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention[[]]; and

Please add the following paragraph to the specification at page 6, line 14:

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional side view of a FinFET during a fabrication method in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.